

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7 are pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 6 are canceled.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, there is no antecedent basis for the limitation "the liquid delivery mechanism." Claim 5 is herein amended.

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0144786 to Bressler et al.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicants' counsel during an interview on December 13, 2005. The substance of that interview is as follows:

1. The interview did not include any exhibits or demonstrations.
2. Independent Claim 1 was discussed.
3. The reference discussed included U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0144786 to Bressler et al.
4. Applicant's counsel proposed amendments to the claims included herein.
5. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0144786 to Bressler et al., does not teach a dispensing applicator having an elongated handle for extended reaching that has a closed end. Further, Bressler et al. lacks a pump that is operative responsive to unidirectional, pivotal movement of the handle about a fixed axis spaced apart from the pump to deliver liquid from the reservoir to the applicator portion by compression of the pump against a pivoting surface internal to the head when the applicator portion of the head is positioned against a user's skin, and the handle is pivotally operated to dispense the liquid and return the head to its original fixed position following the pumping action.
6. No other pertinent matters were discussed.
7. Applicant will file a Reply consistent with the interview of December 13, 2005.

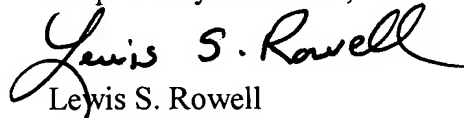
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• Reply to Office Action of August 16, 2005

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending application is now in condition for an immediate allowance with Claims 1, 3-5, and 7 and such action is requested. If any matter remains unresolved, Applicant's counsel would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to resolve the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lewis S. Rowell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lewis" being more prominent than the last name "Rowell".

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